(ख) सरकार भूगर्भीय परिस्थितियों को ध्यान में रखकर खनिजों के खनन की तकनीकी में विविधता लाने के लिये किन उपायों पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस संबंध में कोई विदेशी सहयोग भी प्राप्त करने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खान विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती राम दुलारी सिन्हा) : (क) से (घ) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

बन्द पड़ी कपड़ा मिलों का राष्ट्रीयकरण

1119. **श्री रामचन्द्र विकल** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में 31 अक्तूबर, 1985 को कितनी कपड़ा मिलें बन्द पड़ी थीं ;

(ख) इनमें से कितनी मिलों का राष्ट्रीयकरण करने का विचार है और ये कहां-कहां स्थित हैं; और

(ग) शेष मिलों का राष्ट्रीयकरण कब तक किये जाने की संभावना है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुर्शीद आलम खान) : (क) 31-10-85 की स्थिति के अनुसार देश में तत्कालीन 83 सूती वस्त्र मिलें बंद थी ।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार के विचारार्थ ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है कि सभी बन्द वस्त्र मिलों का राष्ट्रीयकरण किया जाए ।

Demand for Indian Tea in France

1120. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing demand of Indian tea in French market; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to increase export of tea to France?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) There is no noticeable increase in French tea import/consumption over the past few years. Tea Board however, helps exporters in obtaining shelf space in chain stores & participates in various promotional events from time to time.

Tax Concessions for Tourism Development

1121. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give any incentive/tax concessions to the hotel industry for development of tourism in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Certain proposals relating to granting of further concessions under direct tax laws to the hotel industry have been received. Similarly there have been proposals regarding grant of concessional rates of customs duty on goods imported for setting up hotels in the country. These proposals are under consideration.

Setting up of more Clearing Houses for Banks

1122. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce computerised clearing and set up more clearing houses for banks in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has informed that computerised settlement system has already been introduced in the clearing houses at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bombay, Madras and New Delhi. Reserve Bank of India has a programme for computerised clearing at Calcutta, Hyderabad and Kanpur clearing houses also.

Insofar as opening of new clearing houses are concerned, there is no specific programme as such with Reserve Bank of India for opening new clearing houses. These are, however, opened as and when a need is felt to have a clearing house at a particular centre.

Filling up of vacancies in NTC Subsidiaries

1123. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of subsidiaries of the National Textile Corporation Limited, New Delhi are functioning without any Chief Executive or Chairman-*cum*-Managing Director;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to appoint competent persons to the above posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) In the case of one subsidiary, the CMD has resigned w.e.f. 31-8-1985. CMDs of two other subsidiaries have proceeded on leave. Resignation by one of them is under consideration. The other has proceeded on leave till his retirement.

(c) Names already on the select panel are being considered for appointment. Further, the Public Enterprises Selection Board has recently invited applications for preparation of a new panel.

Looting of Banks

1124. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the banks in Delhi where incidents of looting took place so far during 1985;

(b) the amount of money involved in each case;

(c) the number of persons so far apprehended; and

(d) what steps are being taken to strengthen security measures in banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The information, as reported by public sector banks and Delhi Police regarding bank robberies/dacoities that occurred in Delhi during the year 1985 involving public sector banks, the amount involved in each case and the number of persons apprehended is given in the Statement.

(d) The Working Group on security arrangements, which was set up by Government under the Chairmanship of the then Secretary (Economic Affairs), had recommended several measures to strengthen existing security arrangements in banks. The report of the Working Group was forwarded to 28 public sector banks for implementing the recommendations made by the Group. Banks have been implementing the measures recommended by the Working Group in a phased manner for providing greater security arrangements for branches. The progress achieved in making security arrangements is reviewed by banks" boards and Chief Executives